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Comments on the neighbourhood plan for Wythall Parish Council from Helena Tompkins, of Majors Green, [REDACTED].

I would like to be informed of any updates to the plan that are made as a result of my comments please to my email : [REDACTED] :

Please can you also accept my comments submitted by email on Friday 13th February and notify me if any amendments to the plan are made as a result.

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1. Drawbridge , Drawbridge Road – there has been an operating Drawbridge on this canal for over 200 years – this should be included in the historical records and in the introduction to the Parish (section 1 and comment 131 and section 7). It is an asset of the Canals and Rivers Trust who operate it.
2. Stratford on Avon Canal should be mentioned as part of the Majors Green prominent features – it is a recreational amenity, accessible to residents from the Drawbridge and Rushleigh Road accesses, coupled with the walk to Dickens Heath it is an area asset, under the control of the Canals and Rivers Trust – needs including in Section 1 over view and Section 7.
3. Other prominent features that need to be mentioned in respect of Majors Green is the River Cole Tributary running through it – it is a frequent source of flooding and impacts the landscape – with peaks affecting Truemans Heath Road and Peterbrook Road. The flood junction on Peterbrook Road and Aqueduct Road appears on maps for over 200 years and should also be included in the historical listings. Comment 131 and section 7.
4. North East Worcestershire walk – needs including in section 1 as an asset, with improved access.
5. Comment 70 and 195 Whitlocks End Train Station gets a mention – but throughout the plan, the focus is on Wythall train station, even though if we had a pedestrian crossing for easy access from the

junction of Haslucks Green Road / Tilehouse lane, this is the nearest train station for Majors Green Residents. The inclusion of a pedestrian crossing would be welcomed as the traffic is increasing and it is dangerous to attempt to cross to access the facility. With only one footpath, work needs to be done to make this a safe and accessible public transport without having to drive to it. To make the asset outside our area, but nearer than our “local Wythal station”, should be made safely accessible by provision of safe crossing to use the pavements to give us access, regardless of whether it is in the Area or not given it’s proximity.

6. Figure 2 – flower planting – Majors Green missed out on the wild seeds (the Council mowed over them). We have lots of grass verges that are suitable for bulb planting – please ensure we are included next time – same with any bug or bee hotel creation – it’s not just children that like to make those for the environment – please don’t limit future events to children – but open to residents.
7. Figure 2 fly tipping and litter – there has been a noticeable increase with the amount of cars passing through Majors Green. Not sure what the answer is – but a camera would be most welcome – I’d be happy to site it!
8. Comment 78 – Majors Green welcomes the statement Wythall Parish will remain a distinctive local community. With the number of planning applications submitted from Solihull, Birmingham and Bromsgrove, Majors Green feels under threat of losing it’s rural identity and becoming a rat run to large developments without the infrastructure in place to support it. Already a single pothole has been repaired 4 times in the last 3 weeks due to abundance of car traffic on what was a rural road.
9. Table 3 – easier access for Majors Green Residents to the North East Worcestershire Way. There is no safe way for residents to access the route from Peterbrook Road as there are no pavements or lighting from the Drawbridge Road to walk up to it. Access from the road way opposite Rolan Way would be ideal, but has been prevented by a metal gate – opening this for pedestrian access would be a big improvement.
10. Comment 131 2 – Majors Green ; Section 8 Green Infrastructure – there are 2 fields – one adjacent to Haslucks Green to Peterbrook Road and the other adjacent to Peterbrook Road that were the subject of Property Spy scam. These should be included in the list of “green spaces” as they demark the perimeter of Majors Green. They are critical bio habitats housing Deer, Bats and Owls. They need adding and could be used to enhance the habitat opportunities. They align against the River Cole tributary and provide a river corridor movement for animals. As the tributary runs through both of these fields, they are both prone to flooding and should be protected. There are Article 4 placed on this land on Haslucks, meaning no building, fencing or anything that can be used to mark out the land. There is also significant Severn Trent water infrastructure with major 28 inch pipes responsible for feeding the region underneath that field. This site should become designated an SSSI/wildlife site/local green space with improved access.
11. No mention made of the landfill off Peterbrook Road, Majors Green and the reed filtration system purifying the tributary of the cole ?
12. Section 7 – there is a bottle pit with cole from Birmingham urbansiation off Peterbrook Road? Should this get metioned?
13. Majors Green “Island” Majors Green can be cut off in times of flooding as with only 4 access points – Bills Lane; Peterbrook Road; Truemans Heath and Tile House Lane all being prone to flooding – this danger needs to be included in the report as it is becoming more of a crucial transport link and would have sever impacts when the roads are closed (as frequently happen).
14. H5 & H6 Page 43 - Pavements & lightening – the area is in desperate need of a footpath creation from Peterbrook Road – to join with the Drawbridge. There is no pavement and therefore no safe access for pedestrians wishing to walk to Solihull Lodge. There is a nasty corner with no pavement, lighting or road drainage. A mud pavement was marked out when the land next to the canal was recently put up

for sale – if shingle could be added – that would be a great improvement, but the infrastructure in Majors Green really needs addressing as people walk along the single footpath having to wear head torches at night as the lighting is so low level. We were told that it was to maintain the village feel, but when Solihull are siting Peterbrooke Road as an Urban road capable of easily coping with the re-routed close Aqueduct Road traffic – the infrastructure needs upgrading to give at least one walkable pavement as a minimum.

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